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SUBJECT: CBS NEWS REPORT ON WALLENBERG CASE

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. CBS NEWS EVENING OF DECEMBER 26 CARRIED A REPORT SEVERAL MINUTES LONG ON WALLENBERG CASE. FACTUAL TREATMENT INCLUDED NARRATION OF HIS WORLD WAR II EXPLOITS; INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. LAGERGREN, ANNETTE LANTOS, AND TOM LANTOS; MENTION OF RECENT ABRAHAM KALINSKI AND JAN KAPLAN REPORTS; AND TV CLIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER MAKING HIS OCTOBER 13 RADIO INTERVIEW REMARKS. REPORT STATED US HAD APPROACHED THE SOVIETS TO CLARIFY THE MATTER. (WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO SECURE TEXT OF REPORT AND WILL POUCH IF SUCCESSFUL.)

3. THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S USE DECEMBER 27. QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED.

4. BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE CBS NEWS REPORT OF DECEMBER 26 ON THE CASE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, A SWEDE WHO WORKED TO SAVE JEWS IN HUNGARY IN THE LAST DAYS OF WORLD WAR II AND WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IMPRISONED BY THE SOVIETS?

ANSWER: WE FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY ALL REPORTS ON THE WALLENBERG CASE. WE HAVE RAISED THE CASE WITH THE SOVIETS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE IT. END TEXT. VANCE

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